



MONTEREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1981



THREE ARTICLES APPROVED AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

On September 2 voters in Monterey approved all three articles before them. About fifty people attended, 45 of them registered voters. The first article called for an amendment to the town by-law in an effort to protect Monterey from the establishment of a radioactive dump. The by-law reads:

"No land within any use district in the Town of Monterey may be used for the collection, treatment, storage, burial, incineration, or disposal of radioactive waste, including but not limited to wastes classified as low-level radioactive waste."

It is the culmination of efforts by townspeople responding to House Bill 6877 which, if passed, would nullify any town protective by-law on this issue passed subsequently. The by-law was supported by both the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Stefan Grotz said that the house bill was "outrageous in that it preempts local zoning. It is classified 'Emergency' meaning that it becomes effective upon being signed." The legislature is due to return from a recess after Labor Day. Monterey's by-law becomes effective as of the time of voting if approved by the Attorney General. In response to a question regarding dominion over state land in Monterey, Town Counsel Hugh Cowhig said that state land seems to be exempt from local restrictive by-law, but added that he didn't think House Bill 6877 would pass in its present form. Selectman Jed Lipsky stated that Beartown State Forest, encompassing about 9,000 acres of Monterey, was not suitable because of its extensive wetland areas. The vote to accept the by-law was unanimous.

The second article, approved by a 44-1 vote, dealt with an appropriation of \$25,000 for Monterey's Disposal Area for engineering

work, plans and operation, and maintenance. The landfill has come under strict scrutiny of the Department of Environmental Quality & Engineering. The funds will help Monterey comply with the DEQE's requirements of covering the landfill with six inches of fill and sand after each day it is open, as well as building new gates and repairing the concrete receptacles.

The third article dealt with raises for the Highway Department. The unanimous "yes" vote increased all salaries by about 10% retroactive to July 1st, over a period of 18 months. The article also enumerated benefits. The package of salary and benefit increases was drawn up by a committee appointed by the Selectmen after a wage dispute at the annual town meeting last May. The committee, consisting of Ray Ward, Dara Jenssen, Rick Mielke and Jack Ryder, researched the wages and benefits received by highway workers in surrounding towns. Noting that many of those towns' workers were unionized, the committee put together a package that they judged to be "more than competitive" with union benefits.

MONTEREY GRANGE HONORS MICKEY FRIEDMAN

The Monterey Grange, on September 2nd, presented its Community Service Award to Mickey Friedman, Chairman of the Monterey Energy Project. Grange Statemaster Vernon P. West, in bestowing the honor, cited Friedman's "wholehearted participation and contribution" through the Energy Project to energy conservation and the development of alternative sources of energy. Under Mickey's leadership, the Energy Project has sponsored cooperative purchasing of weatherization supplies, has led Monterey in last year's International Energy Contest, has developed the Energy Bank to enable homeowners to borrow, at low interest, funds for energy conservation, has organized recycling at the town's landfill, and has

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CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage. Meditation and prayer Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited to join us. Prayer Group Thursdays, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4th is being celebrated as World Communion Sunday. It is a time for all Christians to emphasize their essential oneness regardless of any of the differences that separate them on the surface. In Monterey the day is being given special emphasis and all Christians in the community are given a most cordial invitation to join in the 10:30 a.m. celebration of communion.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Berkshire Association of the United Church of Christ will meet on Sunday, October 18th, in the Stockbridge Church. Receiving special attention will be a revision of the association by-laws. This has been under consideration by a special committee for the past year. Monterey is noted for having a good representation at association meetings, not only by delegates but by others as well. Note the date -- save it.

COMMUNITY SUPPER HOSTS PROMINENT ANTHROPOLOGIST. SHOWS FILMS ON NEW GUINEA TRIBESPEOPLE

Two movies portraying the life of the Dani tribesmen in West New Guinea were shown to an amazed audience following a feast at the monthly community dinner Wednesday night, August 26th. Mr. Karl Heider, noted anthropologist, showed these films, which he made during the several years he spent living with and studying the Dani under various grants from Harvard University. Mr. Heider came to Monterey as a colleague of Monterey residents Gordon and Jane Bowles of New Marlboro Road.

The films revealed a life devoid of food other than sweet potatoes and a few vegetables, and a people living in houses lashed together with vine because they have no nails or any other metal tools. According to Heider, the Dani live virtually free of disease, free of anger within the tribe, and free of the complexities of modern life.

SEPTEMBER 30TH COMMUNITY DINNER TO HOST SOVIET STUDENTS

Eight college students and their faculty advisor, Ms. Natalaia Tokareva, will be guests at the Monterey Community Dinner on Wednesday evening, September 30th (6:30 p.m.) in the Church Social Room. All are from Moscow's Thorez Institute of Foreign Languages, where ten American exchange students are now studying. At the State University of New York at Albany (SUNY), the students take four months of courses in English composition, translation, rhetoric, current newspaper matters, history of American institutions, plus a second foreign language (French, Spanish or Dutch). Their faculty advisor is the author of several text books. There will be a question and discussion period following the dinner.

Monterey makes the News
Monterey's participation in last year's International Energy contest is depicted in a photo-essay in the October issue of Yankee Magazine. Look for a copy at your local newsstand.

From many traditions there is knowledge about our humanity that most of us try to ignore. To be human is to have a weak vulnerable side. This vulnerable side of each of us is seen as the source of much trouble. If we trip up and fall on our faces it is this flawed side of us that usually does us in. The "Achilles heel", the "nick in the armor" are common expressions for this vulnerable spot.

Yet that is not the whole story. A broad scope of life and literature reveals an understanding that growth and development are somehow linked with this same part of life. Thus that which can be our fatal flaw contains within it a possible golden opportunity. How shall we deal with the fact that within the weak and flawed part of us lies the principal road to growth? If it be true that we humans come into our lives that way, it speaks of a design that is larger than of our own making. I am suggesting that this universal quality in our nature calls first of all for reflection, but also for our action. It is a bit too extravagant to claim that this is the key of life, yet let us now brush over it too lightly. It is an open secret that destruction and creation are closely linked. And surely they are linked in the fact that within the weak and flawed side of our nature lies the clearest pathway for the unfolding of life.

Suppose my flaw, my weakness, lies in a paralyzing fear of new situations. Then I am in mortal fear every time something new falls on my pathway. I am hindered, my life-force is drained from me daily by the fear of new happenings. Life becomes a series of dyings as one fear after another rises up to attack me. My life will not free up or open up because of my fear.

Now what is the great opportunity lying within my fear-ridden dilemma? Suppose I accept the fact that the fear of new situations is indeed the place where I am flawed. Suppose I bring a curiosity, a questioning to the way I am shaped within. Suppose I begin to search out the way fear trips me up time and again. Suppose I begin to see and understand "the way my soul is shaped" so that I learn better ways to outwit my fear. Now I begin to discover that a freedom emerges where before there had been only restriction. It is as if this is precisely the one real avenue of growth I have. No other road opens for me. This path alone offers me opportunity for growth. An amazing truth dawns upon me. Presumably I could have chosen some other route to personal development. Yet from solid practical observation the one pathway open to me is intimately related to my particular Achilles heel, or that particular spot where I had a nick in my armor.

This way of looking at the way you and I are introduced to our humanity is not new. Evidences of it are found in Jewish and Christian writings and in various Eastern traditions. The tragedy of Saul, first King of Israel, lay in the way he played out his personality flaws. He didn't overcome his jealous fears. So his life ended in tragedy with jealous fear in the driver's seat. As Paul wrote moral admonitions to various persons and groups he used a skilled eye at targeting prevailing weaknesses. Time and again he pointed to the rewards in fuller lives that comes from taking these vulnerabilities seriously so as to overcome them. Eastern traditions often focus on karma as that particular tripping up point in life that is repeated over and over until one is ready to recognize and deal with it.

All modern psychiatric and psychological systems of thought pay attention to those persistent patterns in personality that "stare us down" until finally we are convinced that here and here alone is our "place of engagement with life."

If this article is a plea for anything it is begging each one of us to take our own particular gift of humanity seriously. Often we are so busy rejecting the way our life was given shape, especially because of our weaknesses, that we continue to reject this royal road to growth. Let's learn to celebrate life. Particularly, let each celebrate his own life.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

facilitated an energy grant for possible use towards a new firehouse. His enthusiasm and leadership led to the Grange recognizing him. About 69 people attended the meeting, some from as far away as Greenfield.

Friedman was born in the Bronx and moved to the Berkshires in 1973. He has lived on Blue Hill Road since 1975. He has taught writing and literature at the City College Graduate School of Education, the City University of New York, and the University of Massachusetts' University Without Walls Program.

He has spent this year writing children's books and is working on a film about the Monterey community under a grant from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. The meeting was videotaped for possible inclusion in the film.

Friedman, in thanking the Grange for the honor, said that "it is wonderful to work for the community and also be recognized for it. I love Monterey and want to do more."

ENERGY PROJECT HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The Monterey Energy Project held its second annual business meeting Thursday, August 20th, at 7:30 p.m., to elect new officers, to review some of the activities of the past year, and to view two films.

Officers elected were: Millie Walsh, Chairperson, Al Silverstein, Vice Chairperson, Michelle Miller, Secretary, and Mickey Friedman, Secretary.

Films seen were Robert Redford's "The Solar Film" which won an Academy Award in 1979 for Best Short Subject, and E. F. Schumacher's "Small is Beautiful".

PLANNING BOARD HOLDS REQUIRED HEARING ON RADIOACTIVE DUMP BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Monterey Planning Board, in preparation for the September 2nd Special Town Meeting, held an informational hearing on August 21st to explain the proposed by-law

amendment banning a radioactive dump site in the town. The hearing is required for any by-law amendment.

About twelve residents, and four members of the Planning Board discussed the issue. A distinction was made by Marilyn Stevens between radioactive waste and nuclear waste. The by-law is in response to House Bill 6877 which refers to radioactive waste and does not, apparently, use the word nuclear. According to Cynthia Weber, the content of the proposed waste is mainly residue from nuclear centers of energy production in the form of clothing worn by plant workers, and brushes. Ms. Weber warned of the dangers of these substances, citing their generations-long corrosive contamination, and she vehemently opposed any such site in Monterey.

Ms. Margaret White, citing Dr. Helen Caldicott's book "Nuclear Madness", warned of genetic damage to many future generations, reporting that in many cases it takes twelve to forty years for cancer and leukemia to develop in a person after being exposed to radiation.

TENTATIVE DECISION REACHED BY CONSERVATION COMMISSION RE "DIFFICULT LOT" IN BEARTOWN SUBDIVISION

In a decision pending formal acceptance by the landowners, the Conservation Commission, on August 12th, voted to require a potential septic system moved further away from the Konkapot River. The Commission suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Susser plan their septic system on land owned by an adjacent owner, Ms. Nancy Kalodner. Ms. Kalodner indicated that she saw no problem in the decision, but that the changes hadn't been totally worked out yet.

The Conservation Commission met on the site a week after a hearing on this lot. The land consists of ten acres. Problems arose when the septic system plan appeared on paper to be too close to the Konkapot. The Commission required the Sussers to alter their plans when the on-site inspection suggested a possible adverse

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environmental impact on the river. The elevation of the land which would have held the septic's effluent was judged to be not only too high in relation to the river, but also 15 feet too close. Title V of the state sanitary code requires septic systems to be at least fifty feet away from a major water source; the Wetlands Protection Act requires a 100 foot setback. The Conservation Commission monitors and may alter these figures in the interests of water quality in Monterey.



Timekeepers Tony Reed and Brad Wagstaff gravely compare scores at this year's Gravity Car Race. See Story, Page 7.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEEDS NEW MEMBER

There is a vacancy on the Board of Library Trustees. Anyone interested in filling the position should call Alice Schick (528-3128) by September 23rd.

NEWS FROM THE RECYCLING PROJECT

Since the recycling project began, I've found myself in some unlikely places: Perlman's Scrap Metal in Pittsfield, amid mountains of rusting iron, engine heads and heavy blocks of compacted aluminum cans; Willimanset Waste in Chicopee, where our six tons of neatly tied newspapers shrank into insignificance among huge bales headed for various mills; the Great Barrington landfill, where I heard about all the troubles associated with recycling in a large town, ^{being} where people are just as likely to throw their garbage in after the newspapers; and standing in front of a glass crusher, equipped with helmet, visor, gloves and ear protectors, feeding the noisy monster...

Over the past few months the recycling project has gotten off to a good start. The shed is filling up with newspapers and quite a bit of glass has been collected. With the loan of a glass crusher from New Marlborough and the help of Harold Hart, we reduced 15 barrels of glass to 6, each weighing 400 lbs. We need 32 full barrels for one truckload, and are hoping to join with Tyngham and New Marlborough in the trucking. A truckload generates \$280.

A Resource Recovery Committee has been appointed at the request of the Selectmen. George Kisselbrock, Lois Ryder, John Fields and I will be meeting once a month to work on expansion and improvement of the Recycling Project and the landfill in general.

Jane Burke who is heading up New Marlborough's recycling effort is organizing a meeting and workshop for Selectpersons and recycling enthusiasts from all over Berkshire County. It is planned for October 17th and interested persons should contact her at the Flying Cloud Institute. Questions about recycling?? Call me at 528-3454

P.S. Aluminum cans generate the most return and we need more of them. Also, please remember to remove all metal from glass bottles. Thanks.

Michèle Miller

GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met August 19th for an agricultural program under the direction of Sister Ethel Warner. The program included a talk on the heifer project by Rev. W. Ray Ward. Readings, songs, and a skit were also presented.

A baking contest for pies and breads was held. The winners were: Pie baking - Margaret Cummings, first; Ethel Waterman, second. Bread making - Alice Schaffer, first; Lena Greene, second. The baked goods were later sold for grange projects.

Cumington Grange and Sandisfield Grange invaded us for their mystery ride; also present were guests from Worthington, Umpachene and Pittsfield #14 granges. Plans were made for a food sale to be held on the library lawn August 29th with Lena Greene and Louise Halsted in charge.

On September 2nd an open meeting was held with installation of officers conducted by the Worthy State Master and national treasurer Vernon P. West and suite. Master West also presented the Citizen's Award to Michael E. Friedman for his outstanding work in energy conservation. Guests were present from Williamsburg, Worthington, Umpachene and Heart of the Berkshires. John MacGruer was also present to take pictures to add to the documentary film being made about the Monterey Energy Project.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16th for Ritual Night, with Deputy Alicia Brizie conducting the ritual instructions.

Thanks to all who helped make the recent food sale a success. The grange will have an exhibit at the Great Barrington Fair.

Mary Wallace, Lecturer

Town Report Committee expects reports from all town organizations within the month. Call Cynthia Weber at 528-1443.

GOULD FARM NEWS

In the current issue of the Gould Farm News, Robert Rausch reports, "Early this spring, Gould Farm became a member of the American Tree Farm System, Massachusetts Chapter. We are recognized by this association as woodland owners, using good forestry procedures in our cuttings, be it for lumber, firewood, fence posts, landscape aesthetics or wildlife management.

The lodge on the hill has had a rapid succession of high-school-age groups all this summer. The largest was from Atlanta and stayed a month, into early August. There were 19, including two counselors. They had a good time and they gave the farm community much pleasure. Following them was an interracial group from Camden, N. J., their second annual visit here. That seems to have closed the season.

Four old friends from Farrington House came for the Labor Day weekend - Judy d'Almeida, John Becker, Steve Burgess and Steve Harrelson. It was good to see them. Anneka McIntosh brought her beautiful month-old baby, Avery Isaac, to see his grandmother, Luel McIntosh. We miss them. Hugh, Pat, Justin and Heather Chapman have just returned from a month's vacation in England where they visited Hugh's father and mother and other members of the family. Almost every one on the staff has been on vacation, so that some of the time we seemed as full of holes as a Swiss cheese.

YOUTH NEWS

The first meeting will be held on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. They are planning to go on a retreat to Warner Farm in Cumington. They are also trying to raise money for a trip to New York.

WANTED: The Brownies of Troop #237 are looking for a leader to work with Pat Amstead. The troop will only have four leaders this year. If you can help out, please call 528-1434.

The Committee of Boy Scout Pack #51 needs a volunteer leader for the youngest group. Please call Claudette Callahan at 229-7771 if you are interested.

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

CONGRATULATIONS! A hearty congratulations to Rev. Virgil and Marie Brallier on their 42nd wedding anniversary!!

A baby daughter, Amanda Cathleen, was born to Jane and Tom Thorn on August 24th.

Patricia Marguerite Torrico, the daughter of James and Cynthia Torrico, was baptized on August 16th at the Monterey United Church of Christ. The godparents were Thomas Torrico and Cathy Dunn.

Anjelica Claire Freeman, the daughter of Timothy and Judith Freeman, was baptized on September 13th at the Monterey United Church of Christ. The godparents were Dara Jenssen and Stephen Dondaras.

STONE MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP MOVES SHOP AND WEAVING STUDIO TO GREAT BARRINGTON

Sharon Yusba Steinberg's weaving/spinning studio, her shawls, ponchos and pillows, and a representative sampling of Alan Steinberg's pottery, will move to a shop located on Route 7 behind Century 21, next to Berkshire Carpets, Great Barrington, on September 12th. After living in Monterey for more than ten years, the Steinbergs opened to the public in 1974, on Art School Road. In her new location, she will demonstrate her craft and accept custom orders for woven articles. Hours for the shop will be afternoons during the week; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekends.

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MONTEREY NEWS FOLDING PARTY A ROUSING SUCCESS

Three ladies of the community, Mildred Walsh, Bonnie Walsh and Judith Bach, gathered in the reception room of the Mobil station on Route 23 to fold the Monterey News last month. Fingers flew, and the work was accomplished within an hour. The Bob Theriot family has volunteered to host the folding party this month. Any enthusiast who wants to make a fine time for himself is urged to volunteer to fold the Monterey News during any one of the ensuing months. Please call Tony Reed - 528-3767.

MONTEREY CO-OP SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The seven-year old non-profit co-op has openings for a few additional members. Groceries, fruits and vegetables are pre-ordered and distributed to members once every two weeks at considerable savings. One person from each household is required to work approximately one and one-half hours each two weeks. There is a yearly membership fee of \$3.00 and a deposit, approximately equal to the expected bi-weekly purchase, is required. Call Ellen Pearson (528-1988) or Bernie Kleban (528-4187) for more information.

GRAVITY AND FELICITY IN LATE SUMMER

Two late summer events which lend themselves particularly both to description and to commendation are the First Annual Konkadance held on August 29th and the Seventh Annual Gravity Car Race held on September 6th. In each case an abundance of community enthusiasm and a minimum of personal aggrandizement combined to produce a singular experience.

First, the Konkadance: Joe Baker and Bonner McAllester of the Mountain Laurel Band solicited any and all Monterey musicians to join an ephemeron called the Konkaplunkers, which would play contra dance music on the banks of the Konkapot. Twelve sundry musicians and about a hundred earnest dancers showed up on the appointed eve. Joe shouted instructions through the dark mists. The band struck up tune after tune, the dancers formed figure after figure, and the Konkapot rolled on. It was, among other things, an opportunity for devotees of English and Early American dance tunes to hear their favorites punctuated by an electric bass with a disco flavor.

Second, the Race: By now a solid tradition, the Gravity Car Race attracted a crowd estimated to be between 600 and 1,000 people. Vehicles were more ominous than artful this year. Times were faster. There were spectacular tumbles and crashes. Bobby Stevens of Monterey won with the fastest time ever clocked in the history of the downhill race. It was a great day.

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+ STUPENDOUS TAG SALE	+ *
+ of Brookbend Serendipity	+ *
+ Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00	+ *
+ Sunday, Sept. 20, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00	+ *
+ at the Monterey Church, downstairs	+ *
+ Furniture, furnishings and miscellane-	+ *
+ ous equipment. Some antiques, some	+ *
+ collectibles, and some wonderful junk.	+ *
+ Opening hours firm - NO EARLY BIRDS	+ *

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